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GEORGE JENKINS		CIVIL DIVISION
	Plaintiff	No

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KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN a/k/a KFC and KFC CORPORATION

Defendants.

FEDERAL RULE CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, defendant KFC Corporation hereby submits its Disclosure Statement. Defendant's Disclosure Statement is as follows:

Defendant KFC Corporation certifies that it is a non-governmental corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, and that its principal place of business is in Louisville, Kentucky.

KFC Corporation submits the following statement of its corporate interests and affiliations:

- 1. KFC Corporation is not a publicly held corporation or other publicly held entity.
- 2. KFC Corporation does have a parent corporation, and it is Yum! Brands, Inc.
- 3. No other publicly held entity owns 10 percent or more of KFC Corporation.

4. Yum! Brands, Inc. is a publicly held corporation. It does not have a parent corporation, and no publicly held entity owns 10 percent or more of Yum! Brands, Inc.

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

Beth A. Carter, Esquire

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1601 Market Street, 16th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Attorney for Defendant

KFC Corporation

Dated: October 25, 2012

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KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN a/k/a KFC and KFC CORPORATION

Defendants.

DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant KFC Corporation, by its attorneys, hereby files its Notice of Removal.

Defendant's Notice of Removal is as follows:

- 1. This action was commenced by the filing of a Complaint on about September 25, 2012 in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas. See attached Exhibit "A."
- 2. By the Complaint, plaintiff alleges that he is a citizen and resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. See Exhibit "A."
- 3. Defendant KFC Corporation is a Delaware corporation and has its principal place of business in Louisville, Kentucky. See Exhibit "B."
- 4. Defendant "Kentucky Fried Chicken a/k/a KFC" is not an existing legal entity capable of being sued.
- 5. The Complaint alleges a slip and fall incident on June 18, 2011 at the KFC restaurant located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At all times relevant hereto this KFC restaurant was operated, possessed, controlled, maintained and possessed by KFC U.S. Properties, Inc., which has not been named as a defendant. See Exhibit "B."

- 6. KFC U.S. Properties, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business in Louisville, Kentucky. See Exhibit "B."
- 7. Since plaintiff is a citizen of Pennsylvania and defendant is not a citizen of Pennsylvania there is complete diversity between plaintiff and defendant. Accordingly, this Court has diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 USC section 1332.
- 8. Plaintiff alleges severe injuries that exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in damages. Specifically, in addition to other injuries, the Complaint alleges that plaintiff suffered numerous disc bulges and herniations in his lumbar and cervical spines as well as radiculopathy. The Complaint further alleges that plaintiff's injuries are permanent in nature and seeks damages in excess of \$50,000.
- 9. Pursuant to 28 USC section 1441, defendants remove the within action to this Court in that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and the amount placed in controversy by plaintiff's Complaint exceeds the sum of \$75,000.
- 10. Pursuant to 28 USC section 1446(a), defendant is attaching copies of all process, pleadings and Orders in the state court action.
- 11. Concurrent with the filing of this Notice of Removal, defendants are giving written notice of this Notice of Removal to the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.
- 12. The Complaint was served by certified mail by letter dated September 25, 2012 and was received by defendant on a date thereafter. This Notice is therefore timely, being filed within thirty (30) days of the receipt by defendant of a copy of the initial pleading. See Exhibit "C."

WHEREFORE, notice is given that this action is removed from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County Pennsylvania to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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1601 Market Street, 16th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Attorney for Defendant, KFC Corporation

Dated: October 25, 2012

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AFFIDAVIT

I Beth Carter, Esq., being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that she is the attorney for defendant KFC Corporation in the within action;

That she has authority to make this Affidavit on its behalf;

That she has read the foregoing Notice of Removal and knows the contents thereof; and,

That the same is true of her own knowledge, information and belief.

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

BETH A. CARTER, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Defendant, KFC Corporation

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>Mar</u> day Of October, 2012.

Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL DENISE M. PATSCH, Notary Public City of Philadelphia, Phila. County My Commission Expires October 24, 2013

GEORGE JENKINS

CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiff

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KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN a/k/a KFC and KFC CORPORATION

Defendants.

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF

TO:

Louis B. Himmelstein, Esquire

Please take notice that defendants, by their attorneys, Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLC have filed a Notice of Removal in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania removing to that Court a civil action previously pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, entitled George Jenkins v. Kentucky Fried Chicken, et al., September Term 2012, No. 2920.

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

Beth A. Carter, Esquire Attorney for Defendant, KFC Corporation

GEORGE JENKINS		CIVIL DIVISION
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Defendants.

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Beth A. Carter, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is a partner in the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLC attorneys for the defendant, that she did direct the filing with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common of Pleas of Philadelphia a copy of the Notice of Removal, attached hereto said filing to be made on October 25, 2012.

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

Beth A. Carter, Esquire Attorney for Defendant,

KFC Corporation

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Beth A. Carter, Esquire, after being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that she is a partner in the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLC attorneys for defendant and that she did serve this 25th day of October, 2012, the aforementioned Notice to plaintiff upon the individual named below by depositing a copy of same in the United States Post Office box, postage pre-paid, enclosed in envelopes plaintiff addressed to:

Louis B. Himmelstein, Esq.
Louis B. Himmelstein & Associates
Suite 1000
1420 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

Beth A. Carter, Esquire

Attorney for Defendant, KFC Corporation

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 35 day

of "

October, 2012.

Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL DENISE M. PATSCH, Notary Public City of Philadelphia, Phila. County My Commission Expires October 24, 2013

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Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Beth A. Carter, Esq., hereby certify that on October 25, 2012 a copy of Defendants' Notice of Removal was served upon all parties to this action via U.S. Mail, First Class, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Louis B. Himmelstein, Esq. Louis B. Himmelstein & Associates Suite 1000 1420 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102

BENNETT, BRICKLIN & SALTZBURG LLC

Beth A. Carter, Esquire
Attorney for Defendant,

KFC Corporation

EXHIBIT A

Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County For Prothonotary Use Only (Docket Number) SEPTEMBER 2012 Trial Division 002920 **Civil Cover Sheet** E-Filing Number: 1209037198 DEFENDANT'S NAME PLAINTIFF'S NAME KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, ALIAS: KFC GEORGE JENKINS DEFENDANTS ADDRESS 1200 NORTH BROAD STREET PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS 2316 NORTH 13TH STREET PHILADELPHIA PA 19133 PHILADELPHIA PA 19121-5103 DEFENDANT'S NAME PLAINTIFFS NAME KFC CORPORATION DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS 1441 GARDINER LANE LOUISVILLE KY 40213 DEFENDANT'S NAME PLAINTIFF'S NAME DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAINTIFFS ☐ Notice of Appeal Petition Action X Complaint ☐ Transfer From Other Jurisdictions 1 Writ of Summons COURT PROGRAMS AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY ☐ Settlement ☐ Commerce ☐ Mass Tort ☐ Arbitration ☐ Minors ☐ Minor Court Appeal **\$50,000.00** or less ☐ Savings Action ☐ Jury ☐ W/D/Survival ☐ Statutory Appeals Petition X More than \$50,000.00 X Non-Jury Other: CASE TYPE AND CODE 2S - PREMISES LIABILITY, SLIP/FALL STATUTORY BASIS FOR CAUSE OF ACTION IS CASE SUBJECT TO FILED RELATED PENDING CASES (LIST BY CASE CAPTION AND DOCKET NUMBER) COORDINATION ORDER? **PRO PROTHY** NO YES

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Plaintiff/Petitioner/Appellant: GEORGE JENKINS

Papers may be served at the address set forth below.

NAME OF PLAINTIFF'S/PETITIONER'S/APPELLANT'S ATTORNEY LOUIS B. HIMMELSTEIN		ADDRESS LOUIS B HIMMELSTEIN&ASSOCIATES 1420 WALNUT ST
PHONE NUMBER (215) 790-9996	FAX NUMBER (215) 790-0335	SUITE 1000 PHILADELPHIA PA 19102
SUPREME COURT IDENTIFICATION NO. 41140		E-MAIL ADDRESS 1bhimmelstein@verizon.net
SIGNATURE OF FILING ATTORNEY OR PARTY LOUIS HIMMELSTEIN		DATE SUBMITTED Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 11:02 am

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By: LOUIS B. HIMMELSTEIN, ESQUIRE

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

TERM, 2012

NO.:

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writting with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff; You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUR WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION Lawyer Referral and Information Service One Reading Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 238-633 AVISO

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificación. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomará medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificación. Además, la corte pueda decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiendades u otros derechos importantes para

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THIS IS A MAJOR

NON-JURY MATTER.

HEARING IS REQUIRED

ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES

George Jenkins 2316 North 13th Street

Philadelphia, Pa. 19133

vs.

Kentucky Fried Chicken a/k/a KFC

1200 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19121-5103

and

KFC Corporation

1441 Gardiner Lane

Louisville, KY 40213

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

TERM, 2012

NO.:

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, George Jenkins, claims damages of the defendants, Individually, jointly and/or severally upon a cause of action whereof the following is a statement:

Plaintiff, George Jenkins, is an adult individual, and at all times relevant herein, Plaintiff, 1. George Jenkins, was caused to sustain serious and permanent orthopedic and neurological injuries when he was caused to slip and/or fall and/or twist his body on Defendants' property wherein a dangerous condition existed.

- Defendant, Kentucky Fried Chicken a/k/a KFC, (hereinafter also referred to as KFC and/or defendants), is either a corporation, partnership, individual proprietorship and/or other entity with a place of service and/or registered address at the captioned location, which entity regularly conducts business in Philadelphia County, and it is believed and therefore averred that at all times herein material it did own, and/or possess, and/or control, and/or maintain, and/or lease, and/or cause and allow a dangerous condition to exist at the certain real premises more particularly described hereinafter wherein Plaintiff, George Jenkins, was caused to fall and sustain his injuries, and it is further believed and therefore averred that defendant was charged with the responsibility to maintain and control the property and personnel at a certain fast food restaurant located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, including the inside floors, the bathroom areas, and all personnel at the store.
- Defendant, KFC Corporation, (hereinafter also referred to as defendants), is either a corporation, partnership, individual proprietorship and/or other entity with a place of service and/or registered address at the captioned location, which entity regularly conducts business in Philadelphia County, and it is believed and therefore averred that at all times herein material it did own, and/or possess, and/or control, and/or maintain, and/or lease, and/or cause and allow a dangerous condition to exist at the certain real premises more particularly described hereinafter wherein Plaintiff, George Jenkins, was caused to fall and sustain his injuries, and it is further believed and therefore averred that defendant was charged with the responsibility to maintain and control the property and personnel at a certain fast food restaurant located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, including the inside floors, the bathroom areas, and all personnel at the store.
- 4. At all times herein material, defendants were either acting individually and/or t/d/b/a each other and it is also averred that at all times herein material defendants were acting by and through their/its/his/her duly authorized agents, servants, workmen, bailees and/or employees all of whom were acting in the course and scope of their/his/her/its employment and in the furtherance of each of the defendants' businesses and affairs.

- 5. On or about Saturday, June 18, 2011, defendants, owned and/or possessed, and/or maintained, and/or controlled a certain real property located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, including the inside floors and all personnel at the store commonly known as KFC.
- 6. On the aforesaid date, and for a long time prior thereto, there did exist, a hazardous condition on the floor, which consisted of a irregularity, defect, substance, leaking toilet, toilet water, water, liquid, damp floor, condensation, and/or a wet slippery substance (hereinafter collectively also referred to as dangerous condition) which was left unattended by the Defendants, notwithstanding notice and inspection of this dangerous and hazardous condition by its employees, which condition presented an unreasonable risk of harm, a snare, trap, obstruction and impediment to business invitees such as Plaintiff, George Jenkins.
- 7. Plaintiff avers that the aforesaid defect or otherwise dangerous condition was apparent, open and visible to the defendants, and existed for a sufficient length of time prior to the aforesaid occurrence for the defendants to have had actual and constructive knowledge thereof.
- 8. Said defendants had a duty to maintain, repair, remove and/or otherwise correct the aforementioned dangerous condition but had failed to properly do so in spite of the fact that defendants had actual and constructive notice of the dangerous condition in sufficient time prior to the incident in question in order to have corrected and/or removed the dangerous condition.
- 9. At all times herein material, the defendants did own and/or possess and/or control and/or manage and/or maintain and/or operate a certain business and/or fast food restaurant, which business was located at or near 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, including the inside floors, bathroom(s), plumbing, and all personnel at the store commonly known as KFC.

- 10. On or about Saturday, June 18, 2011, Plaintiff, George Jenkins was a pedestrian and business invitee at defendants' store and plaintiff was lawfully proceeding on foot inside Defendants' premises located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, and when the Plaintiff came in contact with a irregularity, defect, substance, water, leaking toilet, toilet water, liquid, damp floor, condensation, and/or a wet slippery substance, Plaintiff, George Jenkins, was caused to slip and/or twist and/or fall violently to the ground striking various parts of his body, all of which caused Plaintiff to sustain severe and permanent injuries and damages.
- 13. It is believed and, therefore, averred that the Defendants maintained, possessed, controlled, and/or owned the real property, located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, wherein said wet floor and/or leaking toilet and/or dangerous condition existed, which dangerous condition caused Plaintiff, George Jenkins, to slip and/or trip and/or fall down and which dangerous condition caused Plaintiff, George Jenkins, to slip and/or fall violently to the ground as a result of stepping on the wet floor, all of which caused Plaintiff, George Jenkins, to sustain severe orthopedic injuries.
- 14. On or about Saturday, June 18, 2011, Plaintiff, George Jenkins, was dining at defendants restaurant and he was lawfully proceeding on foot inside Defendants' premises located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19121, and when the Plaintiff came in contact with a irregularity, defect, substance, water, leaking toilet, liquid, damp floor, condensation, and/or a wet slippery substance, Plaintiff, George Jenkins was caused to slip and/or fall violently to the ground striking various parts of his body, all of which caused Plaintiff to sustain severe and permanent injuries and damages.
- 15. At all times herein material the toilet and/or plumbing at defendants' restaurant was leaking and/or broken which in turn caused water to accumulate on the floor which caused a slip and fall hazard for its patrons such as plaintiff.
- 16. As plaintiff was proceeding into the bathroom area at defendants premises he was caused to fall on the wet floor.

- 17. Plaintiff avers that the carelessness, negligence and recklessness of the defendants, Individually, jointly and/or severally, consisted of the following:
 - a) failing to place mats on the floor;
 - b) failing to repair and/or replace the toilet and/or plumbing;
 - c) failing to treat the floor with a non-slid surface;
 - d) failure to preclude customers from entering the room with the wet floor or broken toilet;
 - e) failing to have the sales representatives prevent customers from entering the bathroom;
 - f) permitting the existence of the said water and/or hazardous condition to remain on the floor, which constituted a dangerous condition on the premises aforesaid;
 - g) failing to warn or otherwise notify the Plaintiff, and others similarly situated, of the said hazardous condition and/or otherwise dangerous condition;
 - h) creating a dangerous condition on the floor;
 - disregarding the rights, safety and position of the Plaintiff herein and others similarly situated;
 - failing to correct or otherwise remedy the aforesaid dangerous/hazardous condition after being put on notice of same;
 - k) failing to maintain the store and keep it in a safe condition so as not to constitute a snare, trap, obstruction, hazard or impediment to its visitors and business invitees such as Plaintiff lawfully on the premises;
 - failing to properly and adequately inspect the said area to ascertain the existence of the dangerous and hazardous condition which existed;
 - m) failing to properly and adequately repair or otherwise remove the subject hazardous or otherwise dangerous area;
 - n) failing to provide adequate warning signs;
 - o) failing to properly and adequately correct the hazardous, dangerous and unsafe condition of the area;
 - p) being otherwise careless, reckless and negligent;

- q) failing to exercise due care under the circumstances;
- r) allowing the wet slippery substance to remain on the floor for an unreasonably long period of time;
- s) failing to clean the bathroom floor;
- t) failing to inspect the floors;
- u) failing to use the required degree of due care for business invitees such as plaintiff;
- v) being otherwise negligent as may be more fully revealed during discovery or at the time of trial of this matter;
- w) failing to place barricades and/or barrels and/or barriers to prevent access where the dangerous condition existed;
- failing to properly exercise their/its duty of supervision and control;
- y) failing to properly instruct his/its agents, servants, workmen, employees, representatives, business associates and/or contractors;
- failing to properly maintain the premises and failing to place enough mats in front of the ice boxes to cover the entire area;
- AA) failing to warn or otherwise notify the Plaintiff, and others similarly situated of the said defective or otherwise dangerous condition;
- BB) disregarding the rights, safety, and position of the Plaintiff, who was a business invitee and failing to use required degree of due care;
- CC) failing to maintain the said inside premises, toilets, plumbing and inside floors used by pedestrians in a condition that would protect and safeguard persons such as the Plaintiff lawfully situated thereon;
- DD) failing to clean the slippery substance from the floor;
- EE) failing to mop the floor after being notified of the slippery substance which was on the floor;
- FF) failing to close off the area where the wet slippery substance existed;
- GG) failing to keep its floors dry;

- HH) failing to remove the wet substance from the floor prior to plaintiff coming into contact with it and falling thereby causing plaintiff to sustain serious and permanent injuries;
- II) failing to implement proper policies for discovering and/or cleaning up water and/or melting ice; and
- JJ) failing to remove the water from the bathroom floor.
- As a sole result of the aforementioned incident caused by the negligence, carelessness and 18. recklessness of each of the Defendants, Plaintiff, George Jenkins, has sustained serious, painful and permanent injuries, internally and externally, to his head, neck, back, shoulders, arms, elbows, wrists, hands, fingers, legs, hips, knees and feet, and the bones, cartilages, ligaments, muscles, nerves, discs, blood vessels and soft tissues attached thereto were fractured, herniated, wrenched, bruised and/or otherwise injured, and Plaintiff, George Jenkins, sustained multiple other injuries, including but not limited to disc bulge at L4-L5, disc bulge at L3-L4, disc desiccation of the cervical spine, central disc protrusion at C2-C3, disc herniation at C3-C4, disc bulge at C4-C5, disc bulge at C5-C6, posttraumatic lumbar disc bulges, L5-S1 disc bulge, cervical spine herniated nucleus pulposus with radiculopathy C2-C3 and C3-C4, cervical strain and sprain, thoracic strain and sprain, lumbar strain and sprain, posttraumatic left hip and left elbow, neck sprain and strain, sprain and strain of the shoulder and upper arm, thoracolumbar myoligamentous injury; he suffered other serious orthopedic injuries, any and/or all of which may have been aggravations of previous conditions, the full extent of which have not as yet been ascertained; he has suffered excruciating and agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish, some or all of which are or may be permanent in nature.

- obliged to receive medical attention, medical care, physical therapy and medical treatment and care and to expend various sums of money and incur diverse medical expenses, and/or surgical charges and other medical, diagnostic and hospital expenses for the severe injuries which he has suffered and he will and/or may be obliged to continue to make medical, hospital and/or surgical expenditures for an indefinite time in the future, all to his great and continuing detriment and loss.
- 20. As a further result of the incident aforesaid, Plaintiff, George Jenkins, has, may and will probably in the future continue to suffer great pain and extreme agony, mental anguish, humiliation and he has been, and probably will in the future be hindered and prevented from attending to his usual daily duties, labors, occupations and household chores, thereby resulting in a loss, depreciation and diminution of his earnings and earning capacity, all to his great and continuing detriment and loss.
- 21. As a direct and sole result of this incident, plaintiff, George Jenkins, has or may hereinafter incur other financial expenses, medical bills, surgical bills, hospital bills and/or other losses which do or may exceed amounts which he may otherwise be entitled to recover, as well as further non-economic losses, he has suffered a cosmetic disfigurement and/or a scar and also loss of services and other items of damages including a loss of earnings and/or a loss of earning capacity, all of which are recoverable.

As a further result of the instant occurrence, Plaintiff, George Jenkins, has suffered an injury which is, may and shall be in full or in part, a serious impairment of and/or a permanent loss of a bodily function, a permanent serious disfigurement and/or a permanent dismemberment, which is, may, or shall be permanent, irreparable and severe.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, George Jenkins, claims damages of the defendants, Individually, jointly and/or severally for an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

LOUIS B. HIMMELSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: skouis B. Hipanelstein

LOUISAS-HIMMELSTEIN, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, hereby deposes and says that the facts set forth in the attached Complaint, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; and I realize that statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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Case ID: 120902920

EXHIBIT B

GEORGE JENKINS

CIVIL DIVISION No. _____

Plaintiff

v.

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN a/k/a KFC and KFC CORPORATION

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF DONNA L. PHILLIPS

- I, Donna L. Phillips, do hereby depose under oath and state as follows:
- I am an Assistant Secretary of KFC Corporation and KFC U.S. Properties,

 Inc.
- 2. I am familiar with the matters set forth herein and make this affidavit on personal knowledge.
- 3. KFC Corporation and KFC U.S. Properties, Inc. are Delaware corporations with their principal place of business in Louisville, Kentucky.
- 4. On June 18, 2011, the KFC Restaurant located at 1200 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA ("the KFC Restaurant") was operated, possessed, managed, controlled and maintained by KFC U.S. Properties, Inc. At no time relevant hereto has KFC Corporation owned, operated, possessed, managed, controlled or maintained the KFC Restaurant.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 24 day of October, 2012.

Donna L. Phillips

STATE OF KENTUCKY)	
):	SS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)	

On this __ day of October, 2012, before me personally appeared Donna L. Phillips, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County and State aforesaid, the day and year first above written.

Notary Public, KY, State at Large,

My commission expires: 2/10/13

Stacey S. Griffin
Notary Public, ID No. 390456
State at Large, Kentucky
Ny Commission Expres on Feb. 16, 2013

EXHIBIT C

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Re:

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Very truly yours,

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